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For: MODIFIED DNA MOLECULE, RECOMBINANT CONTAINING THE

MOLECULE, AND USE THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003, extended to April 20, 2004, by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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